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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 09/22/2005, applicants submit amended claims beginning at page 2 and a remarks section beginning at page 9.

Claim 1 was amended to include a first co-extruded polymeric layer consisting essentially of ionomer, or an ionomer and an additive, and a second co-extruded polymeric layer comprising only *one* polymer and optionally an additive. The amended claim 1 reciting optional additive is originally intended by the applicants, as the examiner noted before.

The second co-extruded layer, though employing "comprising" transitional phrase, is limited to only *one* polymer, as previously intended when "consisting of" is recited. The one polymer is further limited to either ionomer or ionomer-polyamide blend using "consisting of".

The additive recitation is disclosed in the specification on, for example, pages 16 (lines 25-30), page 17 (line 26) to page 19 (line 22), page 24 (lines 1-8), and page 31 (lines 8) to page 33 (line 16).

Claim 1 is also amended to recite the first co-extruded polymeric layer being surface layer. The amendment re-introduces the limitation deleted in previous amendment and, therefore, does not introduce new matter.